



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1151

LCO No. 4230

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING PARDONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 54-130e of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (j) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (NEW) (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 54-130a, as
4 amended by this act, concerning the application for and granting of an
5 absolute pardon, any provisional pardon issued by the board to a
6 person pursuant to this section shall become an absolute pardon by
7 operation of law three years after issuance if such provisional pardon
8 was issued with respect to a conviction of a misdemeanor and five
9 years after issuance if such provisional pardon was issued with respect
10 to a conviction of a felony, provided such person has not been
11 convicted of any crime during such time period.

12 Sec. 2. Subsection (d) of section 54-130a of the general statutes is
13 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
14 *October 1, 2011*):

15 (d) Whenever the board grants an absolute pardon to any person or

16 a provisional pardon becomes an absolute pardon by operation of law
17 pursuant to subsection (j) of section 54-130e, as amended by this act,
18 the board shall cause notification of such pardon to be made in writing
19 to the clerk of the court in which such person was convicted, or the
20 Office of the Chief Court Administrator if such person was convicted
21 in the Court of Common Pleas, the Circuit Court, a municipal court, or
22 a trial justice court.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	54-130e
Sec. 2	October 1, 2011	54-130a(d)

Statement of Purpose:

To facilitate former offenders becoming productive members of society by providing that a provisional pardon will automatically become an absolute pardon after the passage of a certain period of time.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]